

**U.S. Senate
Republican Policy
Committee**

Don Nickles, Chairman



**U.S. House
Republican
Conference**

John Boehner, Chairman

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BALANCED BUDGET NOTES

Promises made, promises kept.

No more excuses. No more Washington gimmicks.

Now's the time to keep our promise and do the right thing for our children's future.

Message of the Day:

President Clinton has abandoned his commitment to balance the budget in seven years. He's abandoning our children's future for the sake of his liberal allies.

- Even though he says he wants a balanced budget, President Clinton has yet to offer a budget that balances.
- Instead of balancing the budget and promoting the American dream, President Clinton is playing games.
- Failure to balance the budget is too costly to American families. It means higher interest rates, slower job growth, a bankrupt Medicare system, and a future loaded with debt and 80% lifetime tax rates just to pay our bills.

Action Item Suggestion: Place sample op-ed in local papers (already in House offices).

Today's Schedule: House briefing for A.A.s and Press Secretaries at 3:00 in HC-5.
Meeting of the House Republican Conference today at 4:00 in HC-5.

"... and I quote ...": House Budget Chairman John Kasich, *Washington Post*, 12/17/95
"I don't understand how the president can put a proposal on the table that isn't real. I don't know what they've been doing the past couple of days. The junk they put down could have been done on the back of an envelope in five minutes."